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Federal Holiday - Independence Day

All divisions of the Bankruptcy Court will be closed on Thursday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.

NEW Guidelines for Chapter 11 Cases, Effective June 1, 2019

Effective June 1, 2019, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California adopts the below Guidelines for Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases regarding filing first day motions and voluntary dismissal.

[First Day Motion Guidelines for Chapter 11 Cases](#)

[Guidelines Regarding Voluntary Dismissals of Chapter 11 Cases](#)

Recruitment to the Bench-Bar Liaison Committee

The Bench-Bar Liaison Committee (the "Committee") is seeking members of the Bar to serve a three-year term on the Committee. There are currently four (4) vacancies on the Committee and service will commence on July 1, 2019.

Prospective Committee members should review the requirements and selection criteria of General Order No. 15. Trustees and employees of the U.S. Trustee are eligible to apply. Applicants must commit to participate in six to eight Committee meetings each year during their membership term and to otherwise actively further the Committee's mission. To apply for a position on the Committee, please send a letter of interest along with a current resume or curriculum vitae to the Committee Co-Chairs, Adam N. Barasch (anb@severson.com) and Joanne LaFreniere (j_lafreniere@comcast.net) by June 14, 2019.

Invitation for Q&A in McKinleyville with Judge Lafferty

Please join us for a discussion of practices and procedures and judges' inclinations to be conducted after the conclusion of the Court's calendar in McKinleyville on June 7, 2019.

It is currently estimated that the discussion will commence shortly after 10:00 a.m. and last for approximately one hour, and will be conducted in the same manner as such get-togethers were frequently conducted by the esteemed and honorable Judge Jaroslovsky. Among other topics, Judge Lafferty expects to lead a discussion concerning bankruptcy cases with connections to the cannabis industry.

You are free to appear personally or to sign up through court call shortly after 10:00 a.m.

CM/ECF 5.2 Release, Effective April 29, 2019

Effective April 29, 2019, the Court has migrated from CM/ECF version 5.1.4 to 5.2. This release was primarily applied in order to strengthen our system's integrity and security, and the public should not see any direct changes to our program.

Federal Holiday - Memorial Day

All divisions of the Bankruptcy Court will be closed on Monday, May 27th, in observance of Memorial Day.

CM/ECF Temporarily Unavailable on May 18, 2019

Effective Saturday, May 18, 2019, CM/ECF will be temporarily unavailable from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, for standardize maintenance. CM/ECF should resume operations after 10:00 PM.

Invitation for Public Comment on the Reappointment of U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Roger L. Efremsky

[b PublicNotice-Efremsky - CAN.pdf](#)

CM/ECF Unavailable During 4/26 Weekend

Effective Monday, April 29, 2019, our court will migrate from CM/ECF version 5.1.4 to version 5.2. To help prepare for this transition, our CM/ECF Live environment will be temporarily unavailable beginning on Friday, April 26, at 8:00 PM to Sunday, April 28 at 6:00 AM.

Recruitment of Resolution Advocates

Resolution Advocate Recruitment for the

Bankruptcy Dispute Resolution Program (BDRP)

The BDRP invites applications from individuals for appointment to the BDRP Panel of Resolution Advocates. Please visit [Information on Joining BDRP as a Resolution Advocate](#) to submit an application.

Judge Montali's Open Calendar Dates and Procedure

Link: [Judge Montali's Open Calendar Dates and Procedure - San Francisco and Santa Rosa Cases](#)

NEW District Procedure for Admission of Attorney Pro Hac Vice

Link: [District Procedure for Admission of Attorney Pro Hac Vice](#)

Portrait Dedication Ceremony of Retired Bankruptcy Judge Alan Jaroslovsky

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California cordially invites bankruptcy practitioners to attend the portrait dedication ceremony of Retired Bankruptcy Judge Alan Jaroslovsky on Monday, March 11, in the [Santa Rosa courthouse](#). The ceremony will occur immediately after Judge Efremsky's 11:00 AM calendar. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to wendy_kan@canb.uscourts.gov by Monday, March 4, 2019.

Judge Blumenstiel's Notice of Unavailability

Please be advised that the Honorable Hannah L. Blumenstiel will not be available on Friday, February 15, 2019 through and including Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

[Blumenstiel Notice of Unavailability \(15 February - 27 February 2019\).pdf](#)

New Chapter 13 Fees and Applications

The following new district-wide Chapter 13 fees and related forms apply to cases filed on or after January 1, 2019.

[Rights and Responsibilities of Chapter 13 Debtors and Their Attorneys](#), [Instructions Initial Application for Compensation \(PDF\)](#), [Initial Application for Supplemental Application for Compensation \(PDF\)](#), [Supplemental Application Order re: Initial Application for Compensation](#), [Order re: Supplemental Chapter 13 Short Form Fee Application](#)

Federal Holiday - Presidents' Day

All divisions of the Bankruptcy Court will be closed on Monday, February 18th, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Attachment:

NEW District Wide Policy and Procedure for Appearances by Telephone

Link: [Policy and Procedure for Appearances by Telephone](#)

Availability of Courtroom Technology Enhancements

The Court is pleased to announce the availability of courtroom technology systems in most courtrooms. Please visit our [Courtroom Technology](#) page for additional information.

Link: [Courtroom Technology](#)

Court Operations Remain Open during the Government Shutdown

Court operations will not be affected, including matters set for hearing and public hours during the government shutdown. The court's case management system (CM/ECF) and PACER, will remain available as well.

Federal Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

All divisions of the Bankruptcy Court will be closed on Monday, January 21st, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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